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- 15) For prescribed drugs, including specific North Dakota Medicaid covered non-legend drugs that are prescribed by an authorized prescriber and legend drugs prescribed by an authorized prescriber, North Dakota Medicaid will reimburse at the following lesser of methodology (in all instances, the professional dispensing fee will be \$12.46):
1. The usual and customary charge to the public, or
 2. North Dakota Medicaid's established Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) for that drug plus the professional dispensing fee (ND Medicaid's MAC is market based and includes all types of medications, including specialty and hemophilia products), or
 3. The current Federal Upper Limit (FUL) for that drug plus the professional dispensing fee, or
 4. The current National Average Drug Acquisition Cost (NADAC) for that drug plus the professional dispensing fee, or if there is no NADAC for a drug, the current wholesale acquisition cost (WAC) of that drug plus the professional dispensing fee
 5. For 340B purchased drugs, the lesser of logic will include the 340B MAC pricing (ceiling price) plus the professional dispensing fee.
 - a. Covered entities as described in section 1927 (a)(5)(B) of the Social Security Act are required to bill no more than their actual acquisition cost plus the professional dispensing fee.
 - b. Drugs acquired through the federal 340B drug pricing program and dispensed by 340B contract pharmacies are not covered
 6. All Indian Health Service, tribal and urban Indian pharmacies are paid the encounter rate by ND Medicaid so regardless of their method of purchasing, the above and below logic will not apply to them.
 7. For Federal Supply Schedule purchased drugs, their provider agreements will require them to bill at no more than their actual acquisition cost plus the professional fee.
 8. Drugs not distributed by a retail community pharmacy (such as a long-term care facility) will be reimbursed by the above logic,
 9. Drugs not distributed by a retail community pharmacy and distributed primarily through the mail (such as specialty drugs) will be reimbursed by the above logic since ND Medicaid's MAC is market based and includes all types of drugs,
 10. Clotting factors from Specialty Pharmacy, Hemophilia Treatment Centers (HTC), Center of Excellence will be reimbursed through the above logic since ND Medicaid's MAC is market based and includes all types of drugs,
 11. Drugs acquired at Nominal Price (outside of 340B or FSS) will be reimbursed at no more than the actual acquisition plus the professional dispensing fee while also using the above logic,

12. All of the above logic (with the exception of the professional dispensing fee being included in the calculations) will apply to Physician Administered Drugs (no professional dispensing fee will be paid for Physician Administered Drugs),
13. Investigational drugs are paid at invoice pricing which includes the cost of the drug, the international regulatory, shipping and handling fee, and next day delivery service.
14. A fee of fifteen cents per pill will be added to the dispensing fee for the service of pill splitting. Pill splitting is entirely voluntary for the patient and the pharmacist. Pill splitting will only be permitted under the following circumstances: when Medical Services determines it is cost effective, the pill is scored for ease of splitting, and the pharmacy staff splits the pill. This fee will only be allowed for medications that have been evaluated by the state for cost-effectiveness and entered into the Point-of-Sale system.